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FROM: Z/Chief Health and Medical Officer

SUBJECT: 2004 NASA Occupational Health Conference

The NASA Office of Health and Medical Systems is holding its annual 2004 Occupational Health Conference at the Williamsburg Hospitality House in Williamsburg, VA, June 21-25, 2004. In the spirit of shaping "One NASA – One Team," this year's Conference theme is "Embracing Change in Occupational Health - Moving Towards One NASA." We are very excited and optimistic about the future of NASA as we move forward with a renewed exploration mission.

This Conference is the annual forum for the multiple occupational health disciplines at all NASA centers and facilities to exchange scientific and technical data and management experiences. The conference will open with a video address from the NASA Administrator, Sean O'Keefe. In addition to several sessions by numerous national experts in various disciplines of occupational health, Dr. Gary Bradt, a preeminent expert on the application of change management and leading interpreter of *Who Moved My Cheese*. Breakout sessions will be scheduled throughout the week to allow for focused discipline-related discussions.

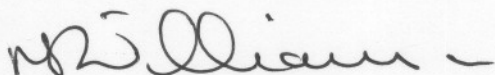
Professional development courses offered include "Audiometric Monitoring in Hearing Conservation" will be presented by Richard Danielson, PhD, Manager of Audiology and Hearing Conservation, JSC, Beth Cooper, PE INCE Bd. Cert., Manager of Acoustical Testing Services, GRC, and Dwight Peake, MD, Staff Physician, JSC. This course will offer NASA medical personnel focused and illustrative training in hearing conservation audiometric database analysis, recordkeeping, data reporting, recommendations for employee disposition and work-relatedness.

"Pulmonary Function Testing" will be presented by Brian Boehlecke, MD, MSPH, University of Northern Carolina School of Medicine, and Emily Wallace, RN, BS, COHN-S, Director of Health Services for EI, Inc. This session will update physicians and nurses on various aspects of pulmonary function testing and respiratory surveillance programs in

occupational health. "Environmental Health Performance Metrics" will be presented by Paul Esposito, CIH, CSP, President of STAR Consultants, Inc. The purpose of this session is to provide an Introduction to Metrics, Metrics Process Workshop, Metrics Creation Workshop, System Assessment Metrics and Using Metrics to Drive Goals and Objectives.

Medical Review Officer Training and Certification will be conducted by the American Association of Medical Review Officers for those physicians requiring such certification.

I hope you will plan to attend this educational event. Please check our web site at <http://www.ohp.nasa.gov/> for additional conference information and online registration. If you have already registered for the Conference and other activities and you find you must cancel, please do so on the web site.



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